

It's blooming good news for Luddenden



Yorkshire's finest: Luddenden will compete nationally

LUDDENDEN has proved it's the best in the region after being chosen to represent Yorkshire in the Britain in Bloom championships.

The decision came after the village outshone all other competitors in the Yorkshire in Bloom campaign with a gold award for its floral displays.

Luddenden will hope to go one better this time around after it received a silver award in 2005's Britain in Bloom in its last appearance at the championships, which are run by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

Trevor Oaten, a member of Luddenden in Bloom group, said: "It's quite prestigious so we're thrilled. I feel we are stronger than last time we were invited as we've got a gold in Yorkshire In Bloom and we always try and up our standard each year."

Luddenden will join seven other finalists announced by Yorkshire

in Bloom, which include Whitby, Woodlesford and York.

Chair of Yorkshire in Bloom, Chris Beard, said: "The In Bloom campaign brings to the fore the best in local communities; educating and creating awareness of the local environment and getting groups to participate in projects to enhance their local areas, making it a better place to live, which is something everyone can contribute to."

Luddenden's In Bloom entry last year involved the whole community adorning their houses with baskets and garden boxes as well as local craftsmen who made bird, bat, bee and butterfly boxes and wooden planters.

Mr Oaten said the In Bloom competition was extremely worthwhile and recommended other villages to enter in the future. He also thanked the people of Luddenden for all their hard work and support.